

Retention of Judges

(As taken from the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances)

Section 4-107. - Retention of judges.

(a) Filing of declaration. A judge of the municipal court who desires to retain judicial office for a succeeding term shall file with the municipal clerk, not more than 90 days nor less than 60 days prior to each regular general municipal election prior to the expiration of the judge's term of office, a declaration of intent to run for another term.

(b) Ballot question. Upon the filing of the above declaration, a question shall be placed upon the appropriate ballot of such municipal election as follows:

Shall Judge (name of judge) of the Atlanta Municipal Court be retained in office?

Yes, to retain.

No, against retention."

If a majority of those voting on such question vote to retain a judge, the judge is thereupon retained for a four-year term commencing on the first Monday in January following each municipal election. If a majority of those voting on such question vote not to retain a judge, a vacancy shall exist upon the expiration of the term being served by the judge. Such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions within this article.

(c) *Prohibition against appointment.* Any judge failing to be retained by city electors shall be ineligible for appointment to the municipal court for a period of four years.

(1996 Ga. L. (Act No. 1019), p. 446